(b) During 1991-92 about 39,000 MTs of wheat was exported to Nepal as a gesture of friendly relation. A further quantity of about 6.90 lakh MTs was exported from Government stocks through STC & MMTC who exported to Jordan, DPRK, Singapore, Sudan, Dubai, North Korea, Malaysia; etc.

During 1992-93, 20,000 MTs of wheat was exported to Nepal, Singapore and Malaysia.

(c) Import of wheat had been resorted to for replenishing the stocks in the Central Pool to meet the requirements of PDS. A small quantity of wheat was exported to the neighbouring countries to maintain goodwill. About 7.0 lakh MTs of wheat was exported during 1991-92 to earn foreign exchange. Profit and loss were not a consideration in these transactions of import and export of wheat.

(d) and (e) Due to comfortable stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool, there is no proposal with the Government to import wheat.

Minimum price of sugarcane

1109. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Sugar Mills Association had recently expressed their concern over the Government's decision to allow an increase of only Rs. 3.50 per quintal in the statutory minimum price of Sugarcane for the season 1993-94; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Before announcing the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane every year, the Government takes into account the recommendations made by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) in this regard and also invites the views of the State Governments, growers' Associations and Associations of sugar mills. The views of the Indian Sugar Mills Association, which had been received earliar also were taken into consideration while fixing the SMP for the current 1993-94 season.

Sugar industry in Maharashtra and Gujarat

1110. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to Government's present sugar policy, the sugar industry in Maharashtra is likely to face a loss of Rs. 200 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the sugar factories in Gujarat and Maharashtra are likely to face more problems on this account; and

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to help the sugar industry and sugarcane growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Purchase of groundnuts for FCI from Saurashtra

1111. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India purchases groundnuts and other commodities from Saurashtra region in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of such purchase centres in the State;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government to open more centres of the Food Corporation of India to purchase groundnut and other commodities in the State; and

(d) if so, the decision taken so far by Government in this regard and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP

NATH RAI: (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India does not procure groundnut. It procures wheat and coarsegrains in Gujarat under price support scheme. The procurement of coarse grain/wheat in Gujarat is undertaken through Gujarat State Cooperative Marketing Federation Limited, Gujarat which operated 53 centres for procurement of wheat and coarsegrain during rabi 1993-94;

(c) and (d) No request has been received to open purchase centres for procurement of groundnut in Gujarat. However, the State Government of Gujarat has requested to undertake procurement of coarsegrain in current kharif marketing season—1993-94. FCI has made necessary arrangement in this regard.

Implementation of Integrated Child Development Scheme in Orissa

@1112. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Government is not taking any interest to implement the integrated child development scheme (ICDS) Projects for improvement of nutritional and health status of pre school children, school children to reduce the incidence of Mortality and morbidity;

(b) if so, what is the number of ICDS projects which are sanctioned for Orissa so far and also the number of them started functioning so far:

(c) what is the Central allocation in the Annual Plan, in the Eighth Plan and budgetary provision made by the Orissa Government during the current year compared to the Centre's allocation;

(d) what are the names of State Government's which have not informed the Centre so far about the allocations made by them in this regard; and

(e) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. BASAVA RAJESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 218 Central Sector Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Projects have been sanctioned in the State of Orissa. Of them, 176 projects are already operational.

(c) For implementation of the ICDS Programme in the country, the following provisions exist:—

(i) VIII Five Year Plan	Rs. 1615.74 crores.
(ii) 1993-94 Plan . .	Rs. 473.88 crores.

No State-wise allocations have been made. Government of Orissa has intimated that they have provided a budget of Rs. 49.81 crores for the programme for 1993-94.

(d) and (e) The Department is regularly monitoring the provision of supplementary nutrition to ICDS beneficiaries under the ICDS Scheme. 28 States/UTs have already intimated the Department on provision of funds for nutrition in their State Budget during the current year. This information is yet to be received from 4 States, viz. Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland and Sikkim which have been requested for expediting this information.

Grants given to various academies by Delhi Administration

1113. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants given by Government to the Delhi Hindi Academy, Delhi Punjabi Academy, Delhi Urdu Academy and Delhi Sanskrit Academy, during the year 1992-93; and

@Previously Unstarred Question 382 transferred from 6-12-1993